A WORD

In the behalf of the

KING,

That he may see who they are that Honour all men, and Love the Brother-hood, that Fear God, and Honour the King, according as it is written in the Scriptures of Truth, see 1 *Pet.* 2. 17. Which is a beesom to sweep away all sin and wickedness which dishonours the King and the Nation.

For who live in all manner of sin and wickedness, Drunkenness, Oaths, and Uncleanness, and Ungodliness, these live out of Gods fear, so cannot Honour the King.

But they that depart from all manner of sin, ungodliness, unrighteousness, uncleanness, filthiness, swearing, are them that Fear God, and Honour the King; And also how that Christ ends the *Jews* Law, by which they were to kill about Religion such as were contrary-minded, and he never gave out any since to do so, but to love enemies; But all Laws by which the Christians do now persecute, are gotten up in the Apostacy since the dayes of the Apostles; and though the *Jews* and *Gentiles* were to hate Enemies, and to kill them; yet you may see that Christ's Command and Doctrine was to love Enemies, and they that do so are the true Christians.

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LEt all people conſider what *they do*, and what *they ſay*, and *practice*; who ſay they are Chriſtians (and go under that name) and bring *Peters* words, 1 Pet. 2. 17. Honour all men, *&c.* Mark! that is a large word, for if they honoured *all men*, then they would not hurt *any man*, but *love* all men, and have all men *in eſteem*, and if they eſteemed a man, they would never hurt him; and if they eſteemed all men, and honoured them, then they would hurt no man. So if they did but practice that which they ſay, here would be no ſtrife in Chriſtendom; Nor would there be ſtrife with any men, nor hatred of any man, nor violence, nor ſtriking any man, for he honoured him, and had him in eſteem, and he that honoured him loved him.

Now he that doth not honour all men, nor doth not love all men, nor hath not all men in eſteem, (though he may ſay theſe words of the Apoſtle, yet he is out of the Doctrine of the Apoſtle and practice) he is in the nature of a Jew, or a Heathen, that hates, and diſhonours, ſlanders, back-bites, and envies, and doth violence to men, doth not honour them, nor hath them not in eſteem, nor doth not love them. So look what deriſion, ſcorn, maliciouſneſſe, and what envy men live in, abuſing one another, and wronging one another, yet would not theſe be called Chriſtians? Doth theſe honour all men? Do theſe love all men, even their Enemies? Have theſe all men in eſteem, that will ſtrike, and fight, and ſhed mens bloud? Are theſe ſuch as keep Chriſts commands, who ſaith, *Thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy ſoul, and with all thy ſtrength, and thou ſhalt love thy neighbour as thy ſelf,*

Luke 10. 27. and again he ſaith, *all things whatſoever ye would that men ſhould do unto you, do ye the ſame unto them, for that is the Law and the Prophets, Luke* 6. 31. now he that loves his neighbour as himſelf, he will not hurt him; and he that wrongeth or deceiveth his neighbour, or ſtriketh, or abuſeth, or ſheds another mans bloud, he would not have the ſame done unto himſelf by another, and ſo ſuch a one is out of Chriſts doctrine, and a tranſgreſſor of the Law and the Prophets: But now is it not ſo, that many have *cloaths in eſteem*, and *riches in eſteem*, and ſo *admire* mens perſons becauſe of advantage, and ſo become reſpectors of mens perſons, and do not *honour* all men, but *diſeſteem* them that have *not fine cloaths*, and *gay apparel*, and *Riches*, and eſteem them that have; and ſo *honour* the one, and *diſhonour* the other; now this is reſpecting of perſons, and not to honour all men, as the Apoſtle *James* ſpeaks of, who ſaith, *Jam.* 2. 1. *My Brethren, have not the Faith of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt the Lord of glory with reſpect of perſons: For if there come a man with* a gold ring, and goodly apparel, *and there come in alſo a poor man* in vile raiment, *and ye have reſpect to him that weareth* the gay cloathing, *and ſay unto him* ſit thou here in a good place, *and ſay to the poor man* ſtand thou there, or ſit here *under my foot-ſtool*; now this is the reſpecter of perſons, who hath not the faith of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and not the honourer of all men, And ſo there is the Sectary; but who honours all men, they are no Sectaries, but are out of them all.

2. The ſecond thing is this, *love the brother-hood*, and *love enemies*; now here is the two things, to love enemies, *it is not to kill them*, and *to deſtroy them*, but to overcome them *with the good*; Now the Enemies are Sons of *Adam*, in whom the Enmity is, and the ſins of

of the flesh, who be strangers from the life of God, and the Covenant of promise and Son-ship, in which is the Brother-hood.

And so they that be in the love of God (which is to the World) who would have them to be saved, and to know his mind, and his Salvation; now if they would have all men to be saved, they would not have them destroyed, neither destroy them: Let them be *Hypocrites*, let them be *Blasphemers*, let them be *Schismaticks*, or *Hereticks*, or *Phanaticks*, let them be what they will, he would have them to be saved. And the patience, and long-suffering of God, is great Salvation; *Paul* and *David* who were great transgressors did witness it. But the unpatient (*which are the tares*) they destroy the *Saints*, and pluck up *the wheat for tears*, as *Blasphemers* and *Hereticks*. But these have not the Spirit of Christ guiding of them, and such cannot love Enemies, for they that hate Enemies, are out of the Commands of Christ, and out of his Spirit and mind, who persecute about Religion, and Church-worship, but do not love Enemies; neither are they in the Brotherly fellowship, nor in the Spirit and power of God that goes over all transgression, that was before it was; and so they that hate Enemies have not *all men* in esteem, (mark, *all men*) these are not in the Brotherly fellow-ship, nor do not love Brother-hood, but are respectors of persons, that do not honour all men, and love Enemies, but are in *hatred*, and *envy*, and *fury*, and *rage*, and *madnesse* (not in the love and meekness) and *that is the Phanaticks Spirit*, that loves not enemies.

3. Thirdly, *fear God and honour the King*; So mark, they that fear God, honours the King, and to fear God is to depart from sin, and evil (and that keeps the clean

clean heart) which is the beginning of wisdome. Now such as fear not God, honour not the King, and such as depart not from sin and evil, fear not God, and they honour not the King.

It may be they may talk of him with the lips, and bow the knee, put off the Hat, &c. But that is not the honour; for they that live not in the fear of God do not honour the King. Drunkards, and swearers and cursers you fear not God, therefore you honour not the King; for the Scripture saith *ye shall not swear* nor *curse*, as *Paul* saith to the *Galatians*, and as Christ saith, 5. *Mat.* And *James*, saith 5. *Jam.* And all ye who live *in Adultery, Fornication, Uncleanness, Idolatry, Whoredome, Lasciviousness, Effeminateness, Pleasures, Gameing, Sporting, Past-time*, which stirs up *vain* and *idle words* (for which ye must give an account) and *vain actions*, and taking *Gods Name in vain*, ye fear not God that do so; therefore ye honour not the King, but do dishonour him, and this Nation, and his Government, and his Kingdome; *For Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any People* saith Solomon, And saith the Apostle, *this know ye, that no whoremonger, nor unclean Person, or covetous man who is an Idolatar hath any Inheritance in the Kingdome of Christ or of God*, 5. *Gal.* 5.

And all ye *Couzeners, Cheaters, Defrauders, Dissemblers, Lyars, Back-biters, Slanderers, False Accusers, Envious*, and *Malitious persons, Murtherers, Plotters, Fighters, Quarrellers, Brawlers, Scoulders, Tumultuous ones, Kyoters, Ambitious, Proud, Heady, High-minded, Vain-glorious, Perverse, VVicked* and *VVilful-men*, you live not in Gods fear, therefore you cannot honour the King; for they who honour the King, must fear God, as ye may read 1 *Pet* 2. 17. *All Reproachers, Scoffers, Scorners, Despisers*, and *Mockers, and such*

ſuch as give Nick-names, to one another, and fooliſh jeſters, and vain and corrupt and filthy talkers, who vomit out your own ſhame by your corrupt Communication, you fear not God, therefore you do not honour the King in your hearts; You muſt come to the witneſs of God in your ſelves all of you, which lets you ſee ſin and evil, and depart from it, which is the fear of God to depart from ſin and evil, and then ye come to honour the King as ye live in Gods fear and no otherwiſe.

And all ye *who are Earthly minded* and live *in Oppreſſion, Extortion, grinding the face of the poor*, in *Covetouſneſs* which is *Idolatry*, and *Rebellion* againſt God, which is as the ſin of *witch-craft*, and *Stubbornneſs* which is *iniquity*, and ſay you ſhall have peace, though ye walk in the ſtubbernneſs of your hearts, and regard not the Lord, *ye fear not God, neither do ye honour the King.*

And all you *Unſober, Untemperate, Unmodeſt, Ungratious*, who chuſe *vice* rather *than vertue* and *piety*, you fear not *God*, but caſt *his Law* and *his fear* behind your backs; Therefore you honour not the King, for ye are to be in *the fear of God*, before *you honour the King.*

So never profeſs that ye are honourers of the King, who do not live in the fear of God, and never profeſs that ye are fearing God and honouring of the King, while ye are *Curſing, Swearing Damning, Roaring, Drinking healths*, and *Spoyling* and *Miſ-ſpending*, *Conſuming*, and *Deſtroying* the *Creatures*, *and drinking in, and vomitting up again* all that be there (*and are ſo doing*) fear not God, and ſo they do not honour the King, (this is not for the Kings health, nor this is not for the Kings honour;) But as I ſaid before, ſuch diſhonour him.

And all that follow *the vain faſhons of this world*, that live in the *luſts of the fleſh*, the luſt of *the eye*, and the

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pride of life, which is not of God the Father but of the World, these fear not God, so they honour not the King.

And all *Thieves*, *Robbers*, *Man-slayers*, *Plotters* to destroy mens persons, lives and estates, to bring men into poverty and to undoe one another; these live not in the fear of God, which is *to love enemies, and to do good for evil*; and these honour not all men, these love not the Brotherhood, these cannot honour the King, that live not in Gods feare.

All they *that make discord*, and *Strife* and *dissention amongst people* by *lyes*, and *false reports*, and dissemble to get gain, and lay snares for the Righteous, and betray the innocent to get gain and advantage to themselves, by telling lyes of some to others, *These fear not God, these do not honour the King.*

And all *who envy* one another about *their fashons*, and *dyet*, because they have not means to maintain it, *as high* as *others* (though they would be in the same fashion, & live as high as others) but their estates will not maintain it. And therefore they envy all others who have Estates, & can maintain it. And likewise they that have Estates to maintain their fashons, *&c.* They envy others that would be there, and do as they do, but have not wherewithal to maintain it; And so these do not esteem all men, nor love Brotherhood, nor fear God, nor honour the King, that have these evils undeparted from; for they that go into evil, and live in evil or in any manner of sin and wickedness do not fear God, but they fear God *that depart from sin and evil*, and such are they that honour all men and love the Brother-hood, who depart from sin, and *these are they that honour the King.*

But now *Cursers Swearers*, *Covenant-breakers*, *Perjured Persons* who will *Swear* and *break Oaths* and *forswear*, make

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and *Vows*, and *promiſes*, and *Proteſtations*, and *Leagues*, and *break them*, ſuch fear not God, nor honour the King.

And ſuch *as will fight*, and *kill*, and *deſtroy* for a morſel of bread, or a meſs of pottage, are prophane as *Eſau* was; Theſe are men, *without natural affection, lovers of themſelves, and lovers of pleaſures more then lovers of God, Boaſters, proud, ill ſpheemers, diſobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, truce-breakers, incontinent, fierce, diſpiſers of them that are good, Traytors, and men of Corrupt minds, and to every good work are reprobates* Theſe do not fear God, neither can theſe honour the King, nor the Kingdome nor Nation wherein they live.

All that follow *Gluttony*, *Exceſs* and *Ryot*, who *Eat* and *drink*, and *riſe up to play*, *Feaſting*, *Banquetting*, *Stage-playings*, *Bear-beatings*, *Cock-fightings*, *Horſe-racings*, *Huntings*, *Hawkings*, *Dancings*, *Chamberings*, *Wantonneſs*, ſpending their times *after the luſts and pleaſures of the world*, which periſh with the uſing; theſe fear not God, theſe are not like to honour the King, that deſtroy the Creatures, upon their luſts and vain pleaſures.

Therefore tremble before the Lord God, ye that fear not his Name, but live in *Sin* and *VVickedneſs*, *Enviouſneſs*, *Malitiouſneſs*, *Strife*, *Bitterneſs*, *VVrath*, *Anger*, and *Clamour*, and *evil Speaking*, *Lyeing*, *Falſe accuſing*, *Perſecuting* the *Innocent*, live in *Drunkenneſs*, *Bloody-mindedneſs*, *Hateful*, and *hating one another*, *Deſperateneſs*, *Raſh*, *Haſty*, *Froward*, *Unruly*, *Diſorderly*, *Fierce*, *Rebellious*, *Unmerciful*, *Cruel*, *Hard-hearted*, *Fierce*, *Diſpiſers*, *VVrathful*, *Obſtinate*, *Wilful*, *Stubborn*, full *of threatnings*, *Revilings*, *haters of God*; Ye love *not enemies*, ye honour *not all men*, ye do *not love the Brother-hood*, ye do *not depart from ſin* and *evil*, ye do *not fear God*, nor is it like *that ye ſhould honour the King*.

And therefore all people from the higheſt to the

lowest, it is a warning, *to you all to depart from sin and all manner of evil whatsoever.* Ye that live *in Adultery, Idolatry, Fornication, Uncleanness, Whoredome, Cursing, Swearing, Drunkenness, Lying, Sporting,* and *Pleasures,* and *in Cozening, Cheating, Deceiving,* and *Defrauding one another, Dissembling, Reproaching, Persecuting* one another *with tongue,* or *hand, Back-biting,* or *Slandering,* or *false-accusing* one another, *Rage, Malice* and *Hatred,* and *Envying* one another; fear God and depart from these things, and come into the *Chastness* and *Temperance* and *Sobriety,* and *Truth,* and *Righteousness,* and *meekness,* and *Lowliness* of mind, out of the high-mindedness, and to love the Brother-hood, honour all men, fear God, and then you honour the King.

For as ye live *in sin* and *evil,* ye honour *not all men,* ye love *not the Brother-hood,* ye fear *not God,* ye honour *not the King;* That is the word of the Lord God to you all, *ye dishonour men,* ye *dishonour the Brother-hood,* ye *dishonour the King,* ye cast *the fear of God* behind *your backs* (and his Law also) who live in sin and evil, though ye prate never so much *of your honouring the King,* we will never believe you, *that you honour him while ye live in sin,* for that is it which is *to his dishonour* and *reproach,* and will bring the Judgements of God upon the Land.

So while ye *live* in the *wrath,* and *revenge, Swearing, Cursing, Blaspheming the Name of God, and taking it in vain,* and *professing him in words,* but *in works denying of him,* living in *Lying, Deceit,* and *Hypocrisie,* and *Dissimulation,* in *Unrighteousnesse, Injustice,* and *Iniquity,* in *Pride, Idleness,* and *fulnesse of bread,* in *Drunkennesse, Riotousnesse,* and *vain pleasures* and *delights* (which causeth ye to forget God) and all manner of *Cozening, Cheating, Deceit, Defrauding, Puft up, Heady, High-minded, Ambitious,* and

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overreaching one another in bargaining, to overthrow one another to make your ſelves rich; We do ſay, and know, and believe that you neither *fear God*, nor *honour the King*, nor *love Enemies*, nor *love the Brother-hood*, nor *honour all men*, who are ſo wicked, and malicious, and envious againſt men.

And all *that are Perſecutors* about *Religion*, *Church-worſhip*, *Ordinances*, *Miniſters Maintenance*, and their *Traditions*, which the Apoſtles never did ſo in the Primitive times, neither did Chriſt ever give any ſuch Command; theſe fear *not God* that do ſo, neither do they honour *all men* that do perſecute them, (about *Religion* and *Worſhip*, and caſt them into priſon) nor *love Enemies*, nor *love Brother-hood*, nor *fear God*, nor *Chriſt*, nor *honour the King*; for Chriſt gave them no ſuch command, as ye may read in the Scriptures of truth.

Fifthly, and all them that perſecute people about *obſerving of dayes*, and not obſerving *of dayes*, *meats*, and *drinks*, which ſtands in the will-worſhip, as the Apoſtle ſpeaks of, 2. *Col.* who neglect the body; and the Kingdom of Heaven *ſtands not in ſuch things*, but *righteouſneſs*, and *peace*, and *joy in the Holy Ghoſt*; And they that do ſo, do contrary to the Apoſtle, who ſaid, *Let every man be fully perſwaded in his own mind*, (*Rom.* 14.) brings people from waiting to be ſatisfied in their own minds, that perſecutes them, and compels them to obſerve dayes, and times, and months, and years; Theſe love not Brotherhood, nor honour not all men, nor fear not God, nor Chriſt, nor honour not the King; For that which keeps in the honour *of the King*, keeps *in Righteouſneſſe*, keeps *in Truth*, keeps *in Juſtice* which eſtabliſheth a Kingdom, and keeps *in the Kingdom of God* which ſtands not in meats and drinks, *&c.*

Sixthly, and all who teach *for filthy lucre, for hire*, and for *the love of money*, such serve not the Lord Jesus Christ but their own bellies; And all who judge for gifts and rewards, and oppresse the poor, and do not equal justice to all, and minister freely, as Christ commanded (who have received freely) these fear not God, nor regard not the Scriptures of truth, nor honour the King, who is to keep all in Truth, Righteousnesse, and Justice.

Seventhly, and all who *get a form of godlinesse*, the Scripture of truth (which was given forth from them who were in the Spirit of truth) and yet prison, and persecute such as are in the same Spirit as they were in that gave it forth; These neither regard God, nor his fear, nor truth, justice, nor equity; So these cannot honour the King, but such who honour the King, must be *Temperate, Moderate, Sober, Patient, Meek, Mild, Gentle, Loving, do Equally, Justly, Righteously, be Holy, Godly, True*, and *Faithful, Peaceable, Merciful*, and *Humble*; for *Humility* is that which goes before the *Honour*, and these are the fruits of them *that fear God*, and *honour the King*, and *love the* Brother-hood, and *honour all men*; 1 *Pet.* 2. 17.

And the fruits of them that fear not God, and do not honour the King, nor love the Brother-hood, nor honour all men, (though they pretend to do it) are such as these, *viz. Cursing, Swearing, Drunkennesse, Whordome, Lying, Murder, Plotting, Killing, Fighting, Theft, Adultery, Fornication, Lasciviousnesse, Pride, Envy, Hatred, Malice, Cruelty, Oppression, Unmercifulnesse, Idolatry, Covetousnesse, Inordinate Affections, Lust, Voluptuousnesse, Unsatiableness, Incorrigableness, Impenitency, Unbelief, Uncharitableness, Unthankfulnesse, Hardnesse of Heart, Enmity, Strife, Emulation, Discord, Persecution*, and *haling* men without cause, and

and laying ſnares for the Innocent.

Never did any kill about Religion but the Heathen, and *Cain*, and the Jews, who had a Law from God to kill and put to death ſuch as drew them from their God, by which Law they were to receive a puniſhment according to their tranſgreſſion, whipt, or ſtoned, or run through; therefore did the Jews think they did God good ſervice, by killing ſuch as were contrary minded to them, in that they did obey the Law. Therefore under this pretence they did kill the Saints, the Chriſtians in the Primitive times, for they were to love their Brethren, and to hate their Enemies; for they were their Enemies, the Heathen, and Gentiles, and ſuch as ſet up a ſtrange God among them. Therefore the Chriſtians (who own Chriſt, which ends this Law, and the Jews types, and figures, and ſhadows held up by it) were to love Enemies; and this was the difference whereby they differed from the Phariſees, that were to hate Enemies, & the Chriſtians were to love them; for the time hath been ſaith Chriſt, *an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth*, but ſaith he now, *He that ſmiteth thee on the one cheek, turn to him the other, and reſiſt not evil, but love your Enemies*; Now the Jews who hated Enemies, their weapons *were carnal*, but they that love enemies (the Chriſtians) their weapons were and are ſpiritual; So Chriſt ends that Law of the Jews, which they thought they did God good ſervice by, when they put to death them that were contrary minded to them; for they could not love Enemies that killed them, neither can they that love Enemies now kill them; for they love them that preſerve them, and do not kill them; for Chriſt who endeth the Prophets (when his Diſciples would have had fire to come down from Heaven, as the Prophet had) rebuked them, and told them *they knew*

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not what Spirit they were of, and said *he came not to destroy mens lives, but to save them.*

And so never did Christ nor the Apostles set up any Law or Commandment *to imprison*, or *persecute* any *Brethren, or enemies*, but love, for God loved the world; and so they that love the Brother-hood, and honour all men, that have all men in esteem, they cannot hurt any man upon the Earth, that oweth nothing to any man *but love*, that is the debt which must be paid, for *Love* envies not, and he *that envies* is out *of Love*, and not a Child *of God*, but *of Cain*, and so a *vagabond.*

Now all Christendom do professe Christ and God in words (but are out of the life, and out of the power) who fall into differences and strife about *earthly things*, and *inventions*, as dayes, meats, and their own *traditions*, which the Kingdom of God stands not in, but *in Power, in Righteousnesse*, and *joy in the Holy Ghost*; But now since the dayes of Christ and the Apostles in the Primitive times, they have made Laws to persecute one another; who have lost *Brother-hood*, honouring *all men*, which if they were in the Kingdom which stands in power (and not in *meats* and *drinks*, or *dayes*, or *outward things*) but in righteousnesse, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, then they would feel the law of Love, the Law of the Spirit of life, and to be made free from the Law of sin and death. But they that fall out *about dayes*, and *meats*, and *drinks*, and *inventions*, and their own *traditions* be out of the Kingdom of God, and out of the Brotherly love, not esteeming all men, not fearing God; And they that do so, are contrary to Christ and the Apostles in the Primitive times.

So they do not God good service that do persecute about Religion now, and about the Church worship, for

for Christ commands them to love Enemies, who ended the Jews Law, that did persecute the Gentiles, and such among themselves as did draw from the Law of *God*; And he broke down the partition-wall which was between Jew and Gentile, who slew the enmity, and so of twain made one new man, and thereby came the love to Enemies.

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THE END.